

ANCIENT ARIZONA VILLAGES.

Prehistoric Ruins Are Persistently Looted of Relics by Vandal Tourists.

Archaeologists are much perturbed by the persistent looting of the prehistoric towns of Arizona by relic hunters and they have been stirred up to urge their preservation by legislative action for the benefit of students of ethnology. Vandalism digging in the ruins and relics, which they dispose of, and so distribute articles of great value in throwing light on the prehistoric inhabitants beyond the reach of ethnologists.

Among the groups which the archaeologists are particularly anxious to preserve in this way are several between Flagstaff and the Black falls, in the Little Colorado River valley. These consist of a citadel and buildings evidently devoted to a number of different purposes. The structures, as a rule, are small, with low walls, the largest not being more than three stories high. The stones fit closely together and show signs of having been dressed into shape. Apparently the rooms of the lower stories were entered from the roof and never from lateral doors. When windows were present they were mere lookouts, or small, rectangular openings, which would admit scanty light. The roofs, apparently, were flat.

The most impressive of the masses of aboriginal masonry in this region is about five miles due west from Black Falls and 40 from Flagstaff. The mine stands above the plain and is visible for many miles. From a distance, perched on a low, redstone mesa, the top of which is 15 feet above the plain, it resembles an old castle. At its highest point this ruin was evidently three stories high, or at least had three rooms, one above the other. The walls are fine examples of primitive masonry, due care having been taken to find the corners and otherwise tie the walls together.

NEW WAY TO COLLECT DEBTS

Canadian Grocers' Association Has a System Which Is Said to Work Well.

According to Consul General Tofflow at Halifax, the retail grocers' associations are generally adopting a plan for collecting debts that is said to have worked well at Hamilton, Ontario. The first step taken is a request from the grocer for payment, with a hint that if not paid the account will be handed over to the association and all its members made acquainted with the fact. The next step is a letter from the secretary of the association stating that the account has been handed over and that if not paid by a certain date the matter will be reported to the members, after which the debtor would be unable to get further credit. If the foregoing is ineffective suit is threatened. Should the debtor still neglect payment, a letter is written to the employer, stating that all legitimate means have been taken to collect the debt, and as a last resort the matter is reported to him in the hope that he will use his influence to effect a settlement. This plan is said to work well, especially when the association has a large membership and includes the principal grocers of the community.

Wasting of Fuel in England.

Prevention of waste is a matter of perennial interest, especially the waste of fuel, which is power. In past times millions of tons of small coal, drawn from British mines, have been thrown away. That shameful system is coming to an end. A recent witness told the royal commissioners who are investigating the question of England's coal supplies, that in the north of England "there is not a particle of coal, whether sound, small, or whatever it may be, which is not utilized in some form or other." Unfortunately this gratifying evidence is not true of South Wales and some other districts, as will be found when the commission makes its report.—London Telegraph.

Sure Thing.

Of course it removes all doubt about a snake story for the author to wind up his account by declaring it is "vouched for by a number of witnesses."

NUGGET WORTH \$200,000.

Finding of the "Welcome Stranger" by Four Men Dying from Exhaustion.

Could even fiction or East side melodrama suggest any situation more romantic?

Figure to yourself, as the French say, four men sinking down exhausted in the arid Australian bush, way back in the "Never-Never" country, where rain does not fall for years at a stretch, and the only plant that forces its way through the choking sand is the dreaded spinifex, or Australian spear grass, whose points pierce the pedestrian like a lance.

They sank down to die, relates the New York Herald. Their horses, too were exhausted, and one of these in stumbling struck its forefoot against a small piece of rock that projected a few inches out of the sandy soil.

The eyes of one of the men followed the stumble, and the next moment he had struggled to his feet, shouting: "Gold, gold!" Sure enough, the supposed "rock" struck by the iron-shod hoof glistened in the pitiless sun, and a moment later all four men were digging eagerly with bleeding fingers around the place.

Almost in less time than it takes to tell it these unfortunate fellows had unearthed the largest mass of virgin gold that the world has ever seen. This is known as the famous "Welcome Stranger" nugget. It is of the enormous weight of 10,000 ounces, and every ounce of it virgin gold, there being practically no alloy whatever. It is in the shape of a rough cross.

This marvelous find acted as a tonic upon the men and they were enabled to make their way to the nearest township, which chanced to be Ballarat. Here the "Welcome Stranger" was deposited in the bank, and after it was melted down brought at the rate of \$20 an ounce, so fine was the quality of the gold.

JAPAN IS REACTIONARY.

There Has Been of Late a Marked Reversion to Everything That Is Distinctively National.

People in America and England make a serious mistake in imagining Japan to be sitting modestly at the feet of western learning. Within the last decade there has been a decided reaction in Japan, writes Harold Borce, in Booklover's Magazine. Foreigners in the employ of Japan are rapidly being dispensed with. Recently there has arisen a widespread protest against the Romanization of the literature of the country. Roman characters on silver and copper coins have been replaced by ancient Mongolian ideographs. In the upper house of the imperial diet the introduction into the empire of the metric system was opposed, not long ago, on the ground that to admit the need of such an innovation would reflect discredit on the mathematical ability and commercial standards of the nation. There has been a marked reversion to the Japanese dress, a revival of Japanese games, a glorification of Japanese antiquities, and, still more significant, an outspoken conviction that while the west has mechanics and science to give to the east, there is little in its essential civilization that the Japanese want or would accept.

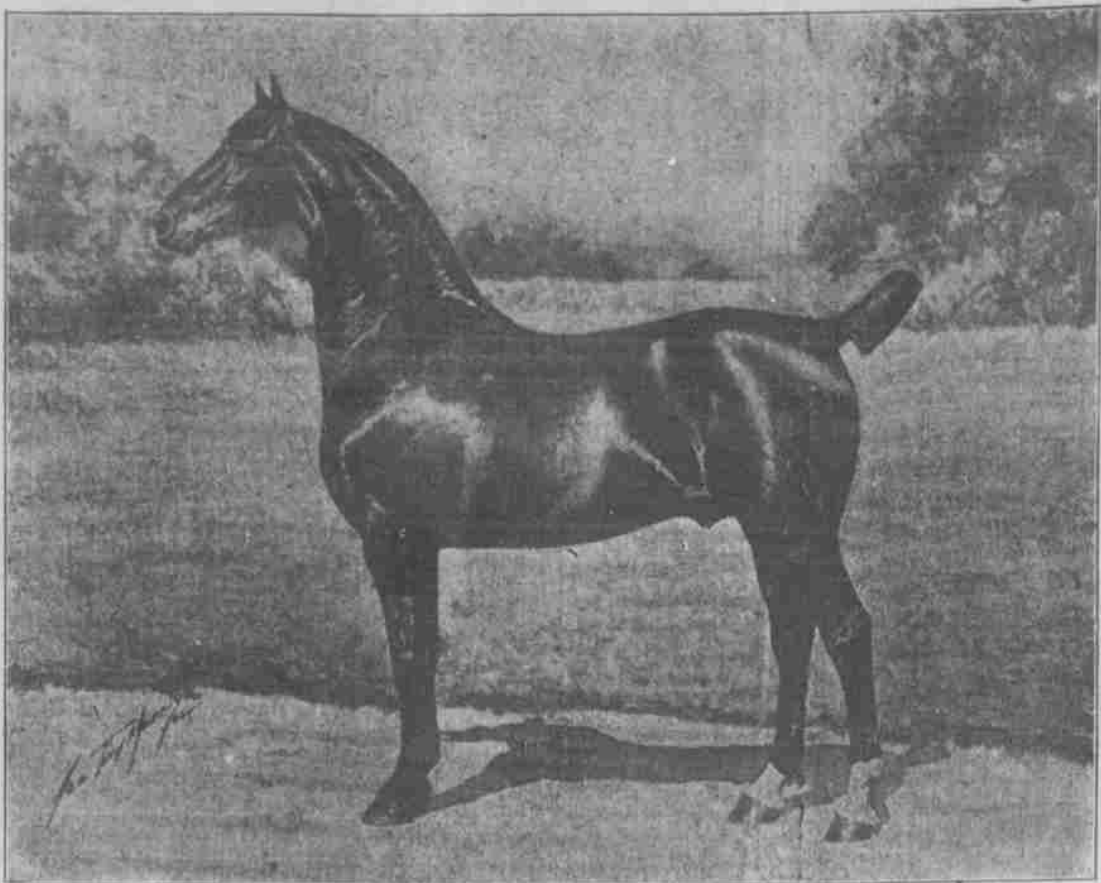
Indian Thieves.

Thieves are curiously classified in a native work published in India. The author divides the robbers into 37 grades, and minutely describes their operations under the most graphic names. Here are a few samples: "The dead child using thief," the "tiger growling imitating thief," the "dreadful strangling thug," the "inconsiderate and fearless thief," the "lamp light-dimming and snake-producing wick thief," the "dreadful backwater pirate," the "giant-like pucker," or the wonderful thought-speed traveling thief," the "pillow, portmanteau, bed, bundle and mattress thief," and the "reckless but remarkably tender-hearted and moral-dagger thief."—The Hour Glass.

'Nuff Said.

"Here lies—" carved the maker of tombstones and paused: "It's for the grave of a lawyer," quoth he, "let's let it go at that."—Houston Post.

BREED COACH HORSES!



The Imported German Coach Stallion

FALCON

No. 1875, that we bought of J. Crouch & Son, Lafayette, Ind., will make the season of 1904 at the barn of August Marcks opposite Linwood Lawn, Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri.

TERMS: \$20 to insure living colt. Will use due precaution, but will not be responsible should any accidents occur.

The Lexington German Coach Horse Co.

AUGUST MARCKS Manager

'04-Frank C. Stewart's Stud-04

The Saddle Stallion, Sir Melrose

Reg. No. 2106, Vol. V, N. S. H. R.

Sir Melrose, black stallion 15½ hands, foaled May 10th, 1900. Sire, Star Rose 161; grand sire, Montrose (106). Melrose's dam, Lulu May (1417) by Chesnut Rose (251); second dam black bell by Black Squirrel (58); third dam by Old Green Mountain. Melrose is bred in the purple on both sire and dam sides. Old Montrose 106 and Old Black Squirrel 58, were two of the best saddle stallions the world has ever produced. Melrose was a winner at our great state fair last year and I predict he will be a great show horse in the future. He has as much natural style as anybody's horse. Kind disposition. People that want to raise fancy saddlers, high style, can't miss it by breeding to Melrose.

Terms \$15 for Live Colt

At the same place the Great All Purpose Stallion, MAX O'RELL. Rec bay horse, 16½ hands high, fine main and tail, and a good horse all round. Sire, Silver Rose 303, by Kentucky Eagle 359. Kentucky Eagle by Black Eagle 64, he by King William 67, Max O'Rell's dam, Bay Annie by Bay Splendor 1784, 2d dam, Old Bird a Morgan Mare. You must see this horse to appreciate him. \$10 FOR LIVE COLT

At the same place the Great Two Great Show Jacks, Joe Jiffin and Limestone Louis. Joe Jiffin will serve mares. Joe Jiffin \$12.50 for live colt, and Limestone Louis will be allowed to serve a few mares at \$10 for live colt. Joe Jiffin and Limestone are both fine bred jacks. Joe Jiffin sired by Black Mammoth, he by Old Superior Mammoth, the great sweepstake jack at the World's Fair. This jack has proven himself a great mule jack and a prize winner at our state fair. I bought Limestone Louis at the great jack sale at Limestone Valley Farm, March 1st, and think he will make a great jack. Sire Limestone Mammoth, one of the greatest show and jennet jacks on earth. Limestone Louis was foaled March 4, 1902. Limestone Louis, dam by Clapp's Jack, Old Chief, one of the best mule jacks in the state.

The above stock will make the season of 1904 at my barn one mile south of Lexington on the Columbus road at the following terms: Money due when colt sucks or mare sold or removed from the neighborhood.

Frank C. Stewart

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PEDIGREE—Sired by the Great Ashland Wilkes, 2:19; first dam of Ashbrook is by Young Wilkes, son of the immortal George Wilkes family. So you see he's an inbred Wilkes, the blood so much sought after by the breeders of trotting and fine harness horses.

J. A. TERHUNE, Owner

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE, ss. In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, at Lexington, April Term, First Day, April 4th, 1904.

Jessie M. Edwards, Plaintiff,

vs. Joseph Y. Edwards, Defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorney, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant is not a resident of the state of Missouri; Whereupon it is ordered by the court that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted between plaintiff and defendant on the grounds that said defendant absented himself from the plaintiff without a reasonable cause for the space of one year and more next before the filing of this petition; and to secure the care, custody and control of her infant children, William Christopher Edwards and Alma Hazel Edwards; and that unless the said defendant, Joseph Y. Edwards, do appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house, in the city of Lexington, in said county, on the 1st day of August, 1904, next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so come, and defend and justify himself in the premises, and answer or plead to the petition on file in this cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Weekly Intelligencer, a newspaper published in said county of Lafayette for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next August term of this court.

A true copy. Attest—J. H. CAMPBELL, Circuit Clerk, William Auld, Attorney for Plaintiff.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, May Term, Fourth Day, Thursday, May 13th, 1904.

Estate of Washington C. Lillard, deceased. Now at this day comes Edgar W. Lillard, administrator of the estate of said Washington C. Lillard, deceased, and presents his petition praying for an order for the sale of so much of the real estate of said Washington C. Lillard as will pay and satisfy the remaining debts due by said estate and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets, accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories required by law in such cases.

In examination whereof it is ordered that all persons interested in said estate be notified that application for said order has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court, to be held on the second day of August, 1904, an order will be made for the sale of the whole or so much of the real estate of said Washington C. Lillard, deceased, as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts.

And it is further ordered that all the heirs of said deceased, residents of said Lafayette County, be personally served with notice of these proceedings according to law.

And it is further ordered that this notice be published in the Weekly Intelligencer, a newspaper published in said county, for four weeks successively before the commencement of the next term of this court.

A true copy. Attest—JAMES P. CHINN, Probate Judge.

5-21-04

BOND CALL

Holders of Washington Township, Lafayette County, Missouri (24) three and one half per cent bonds are hereby notified that bond numbered (1) one, issued August 1st, 1899, by the County Court of said County for and in behalf of said Township, of the denomination of (\$1,000.00) one thousand dollars due August 1st, 1904 (5-20 option) now subject to call, has been declared due and payable on the last day of August, 1904, payable at the office of the County Treasurer of Lafayette County, Missouri, at Lexington, Missouri, on which day and date all interest thereon will cease. By order of the County Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, this 2nd day of May, 1904.

FRANK THORNTON, Clerk of the County Court of Lafayette County, Missouri.

5-19-05

F. E. Bishop,

Veterinary Surgeon,

10-104

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